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4 October 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George V. Lauder  
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the Southern Center for International Studies

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline a request to address a dinner at the Southern Center for International Studies, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, when your schedule permits sometime after the first of the year.

2. Background: Peter C. White, President of the Southern Center for International Studies and alumnus of Fordham University, has invited you to address an off-the-record dinner meeting of the Center for approximately 200 husbands and wives who are primary sponsors and trustees of the Center. The audience would be a nonpartisan group of leading business and professional people. Chairman of the Board Anne Cox Chambers and owner of Cox Communications would be possibly attending along with other members of the Center's bipartisan Board including Dean Rusk, Cyrus Vance, Senator Sam Nunn and all Southern States Governors. (See attachment Board listing opposite). Working press including the electronic media and foreign nationals would not be included. A presentation on the "Role of Intelligence in Foreign Policy" is the suggested topic. The entire setting will be informal. As a suggested format, you will give 20 minutes of remarks followed by a 10-15 minute conversation between you and Dean Rusk then 10-15 minute Q's and A's from the general audience.

Recent speakers at the Center were former Secretaries of State Alexander Haig Jr., Cyrus R. Vance, William P. Rogers, and Dean Rusk, who appeared on a panel on bipartisanship and continuity in foreign policy. Secretary of State George Shultz spoke to them on the Middle East crises last February. Foreign speakers have included former French President Giscard and West German Economic Minister Otto Lambsdorff.

The Southern Center, founded in 1977 by Dean Rusk, has a membership of 800 and is an Atlanta-based nonpartisan organization. The goal of the organization is to increase Southerners' contacts with important people in international affairs and build a base that enables the South to produce its



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share of leaders in international trade, law, and diplomacy. The Center serves a 'continuing education' role by bringing in guest experts to teach short courses on current events in international affairs. The Center's annual budget of \$500,000 is made up of contributions from its members and foundation grants. (See attachment opposite for further information).

3. Recommendation: An organization of growing influence, this would be a good group to address but not commit to until sometime after the election. Perhaps you could work it in sometime when you are traveling to or from Palm Beach. I recommend we accept for you, the date for your appearance to be determined in the future.



George V. Lauder

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ACCEPT:

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Director of Central Intelligence

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September 20, 1984

Mr. William J. Casey  
 Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

My colleagues at the Los Angeles World Affairs Council have invited me to attend your September 27 presentation. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country. I know they will provide an excellent forum for you.

Speaking of forums, how about a visit to Atlanta. Since this region of the United States is about to deliver itself to President Reagan I think his Director of Central Intelligence ought to come down after the election to make a presentation about the role of Intelligence in foreign policy. Seriously, we would be very pleased to have you as our guest and could arrange some very interesting forums and meetings.

Sorry I will not be able to be with you on September 27. I do hope that we might be able to see you in Atlanta some time soon.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,



Peter C. White  
 President

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